

Amendments to the claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (currently amended) Guide for supporting a displaceable object, comprising:

- a plastic guide profile having a guide surface over which displaceable objects can slide directly or via a product carrier, and

characterized in that the guide profile is engaged at least at two spaced-apart positions by the support structure, at least one engaging position of which consists of a free support of the guide profile on the support structure such that the freely supporting side of the guide profile is displaceable relative to the support structure.

Claim 2. (original) Guide as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the guide profile is coupled rigidly on one side to the support structure.

Claim 3. (previously presented) Guide as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the guide profile is provided with a three-dimensional contact surface at the position where it supports freely on the support structure.

Claim 4. (previously presented) Guide as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the support structure is provided

with a three-dimensional contact surface at the position where the guide profile supports freely thereon.

Claim 5. (previously presented) Guide as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the free support of the guide profile on the support structure is formed by a recess in the guide profile in which an engaging part of the support structure engages close-fittingly and displaceably.

Claim 6. (currently amended) Guide as claimed in claim 1-5, characterized in that a free space is enclosed between the engaging part of the support structure and a part of the recess on the side remote from the engaging part, in which recess the engaging part is axially displaceable.

Claim 7. (currently amended) Guide as claimed in claim 1-6, characterized in that ~~the guide profile is provided with a guide surface and the recess with the engaging part displaceable therein are~~ is formed such that the direction of displacement of the engaging part relative to the recess is at least substantially parallel to the guide surface.

Claim 8. (currently amended) Guide as claimed in claim 1-5, characterized in that the tight fit of the engaging part of the support structure in the recess in the guide profile leaves free a slotted space between the engaging part and the inside of the recess of a maximum of 3 mm, preferably less than 1 mm.

Claim 9. (previously presented) Guide as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the guide profile is manufactured from a high-molecular polyethylene.

Claim 10. (previously presented) Guide as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the support structure is manufactured from metal.

| Claim 11. (currently amended) Guide as claimed in claim 1-5, characterized in that the engaging part of the support structure and ~~a—the~~ recess co-acting therewith in the guide profile are at least substantially cylindrical.

Claim 12. (previously presented) Guide as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the guide profile is provided on opposite sides with engaging positions.

Claim 13. (previously presented) Assembled guide provided with a plurality of mutually connecting guides as claimed in claim 1, wherein a plurality of guide profiles are placed connecting with a gap to each other.

| Claim 14. (currently amended) Assembled guide as claimed in claim 13, characterized in that the gap between the ~~profiles parts~~ is between 5 and 35 mm at atmospheric temperature.

| Claim 15. (currently amended) Assembled guide as claimed in claim 13, characterized in that ~~a—the~~ plurality of profile parts are engaged by a single support structure.

Claim 16. (currently amended) Assembled guide as claimed in any of ~~the~~ claim 13, characterized in that the plurality of profiles ~~parts~~ forms a helical guide track.

Claim 17. (previously presented) Device for conditioning products displaceable along a guide track, comprising:

- an assembled guide as claimed in claim 13,
- displacing means for displacing the products for conditioning along the guide,
- a housing at least partially enclosing the assembled guide and the displacing means, and
- conditioning means for regulating the atmosphere in the housing.

Claim 18. (original) Device as claimed in claim 17, characterized in that the conditioning means comprise temperature-regulating means.

Claim 19. (previously presented) Device as claimed in claim 17, characterized in that the assembled guide comprises a vertically oriented, helical conveyor track with a housing placed therearound.

Claim 20. (original) Device as claimed in claim 19, characterized in that a rotatable core is placed in the helical conveyor track.

Claim 21. (previously presented) Device as claimed in claim 17, characterized in that the displacing means comprise a driven endless conveyor track.